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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

Inspection of sanitary conditions at fruit ports and adjacent interior towns.

Under date of April 9, Acting Assistant Surgeon Thomas was directed by the Bureau, through Surgeon White, at New Orleans, La., to proceed to Belize and certain other ports and subports on the coast of Central America and Mexico, with special instructions to report on existing sanitary conditions and on the methods and sources of passenger traffic from these ports and interior towns, particularly as regards conditions arising out of the repatriation of troops, and to investigate local conditions and obtain the sanitary history of certain interior towns from the point of view of the possible endemicity of yellow fever in those localities.

BRITISH HONDURAS.

Report from Belize, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Robertson reports as follows: Week ended April 25, 1907. Present officially estimated population, 8,500; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
Apr. 19	Belize.....	Moblie.....	17	1	0
19	Anselm.....	New Orleans.....	40	6	12

Number of aliens sailing for United States from this port during the week, 3.

CHINA.

Report from Hongkong—Quarantine restrictions—Plague and small-pox.

Passed Assistant Surgeon White reports:

Weeks ended March 16 and 23, 1907. Restrictions enforced by Hongkong remain as reported on December 1, 1906. Restrictions enforced against Hongkong remain as reported on March 2, 1907. Quarantinable diseases:

Week ended March 16, 1907—Smallpox, 27 cases, 19 deaths.

Week ended March 23, 1907—Plague, 3 cases, 3 deaths; smallpox, 26 cases, 15 deaths.